

Response Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Group Art Unit: 1615

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Manja Ahola et al.

Serial Number: 10/828,351

Group Art Unit: 1615

Filed: April 21, 2004

Examiner: Tran, Susan

For: DISSOLVABLE OXIDES FOR BIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 1, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed May 17, 2006, a Petition and fee for a one month Extension of Time being submitted herewith, please reconsider this application in view of the following remarks. Claims 23-31 are pending.

Examiner Tran is thanked for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during a telephonic interview held July 5, 2006. The Examiner Interview Summary Record reflects the substance of the interview. One additional point discussed during the interview is that claim 23 does require complete dissolution of the silica-xerogel over a desired time period when in contact with body fluid.